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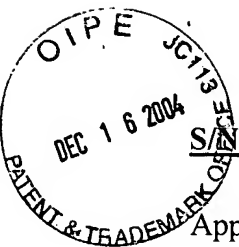
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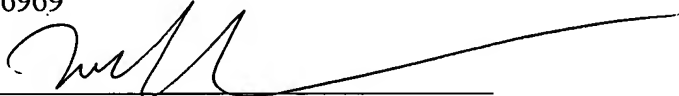
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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.


The present application is either a U.S. national patent application filed after June 30, 2003 or an international application that entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003. Thus, Applicant believes that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication. The waiver is provided in a pre-OG notice from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" and dated July 11, 2003. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

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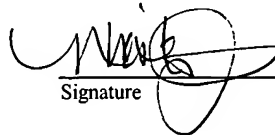
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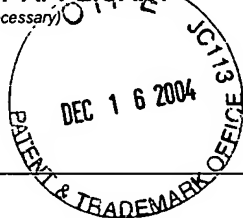
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